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Subject: Re: [pdxharborcag] 2003 Review

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==== A message from the pdxharborcag mailing list =====

Robin:

Thanks for taking the time to start a year-end-report. I appreciate your efforts as I know your neighbors and fellow CAG members do.

Your note (which, while informal, still represents part of the public record) omits EPA's reference this year of the (average) \$20,000 per month it has spent on the process so far, or the \$11 million the Lower Willamette Group claims it has spent. No mention is made of progress (or lack of progress) on "Hot Spots" identified by DEQ, which our CAG questioned EPA on.

At an earlier CAG meeting I asked if LWG, EPA and the other players in this process would report on their accomplishments. The Lower Willamette Group responded with the following:

A synopsis of LWG work to date includes:

Sediment Trend Analysis

836 data points collected from the confluence of the Willamette and the Columbia Rivers to Willamette Falls to evaluate how sediment is coming into and leaving the site.

Sediment Profile Imaging

523 images from 478 stations of sediments photographs to record the sediments' composition and life forms

Bathymetry

Two years using new technology to produce 3-dimensional images of the river bottom to measure its height and characteristics.

Habitat Analysis

More than 450 samples of crayfish, clams and other mud-dwelling organisms have been gathered and analyzed.

Fish Sampling

More than 1,450 samples covering 12 different species of resident fish have been gathered and analyzed.

Chemicals Analyzed

Analysis involves testing for nearly 400 possible contaminants including metals, polyaromatic hydrocarbons (found in fuels), pesticides, and polychlorinated biphenols (PCBs)

Historical Samples available for use

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A comprehensive database of pre-existing samples that include: 144 bioassay (life forms), 506 surface sediments (the first few feet of sediment), 335 subsurface sediments (deeper cores)

Public Involvement

The LWG has made public involvement a priority and has actively worked with the Portland Harbor Community Advisory Group and others in the community. LWG members have briefed members of the local media, professional organizations, Portland State University classes and members of the Oregon and Washington Congressional delegations on site related information

Not exactly how I would've spent \$11 million dollars, but at least they responded. EPA, DEQ, BES, NOAA, Tribal Officials, Army Corps of Engineers and myriad other entities will engage in this process in the coming decade at great public expense. We have an obligation to request accountability from jurisdictional authorities.

While we assess our accomplishments let's also look ahead toward some goals for our CAG. Here, in yet another shameless display of hope, hubris, and chutzpah, are goals and a vision for consideration:

1. Complete all aspects of PHS cleanup, and remove Superfund designation from PH by 2015.
2. Limit spending to less than \$1 billion on all aspects of PHS.
3. Eliminate all CSO discharges within PH area by 2015.
4. Cleanup 12 "Hotspots" by 2005.
5. Map, catalogue and post to internet site, detailed information on all outfalls in PH area by 2015.
6. Collect and analyze sediment from 50 Stormdrains upstream of contaminated sediment areas in PH by 2004.
7. Install 100 Stormwater pollution control devices by end of 2003.
8. Establish 10 Stormwater Monitoring Systems providing 100 Samples per year for analysis by jurisdictional authority by 2005.
9. Map, catalogue and post to internet website, information on all subsurface water quality and water retention devices and systems in PH (Oil/Water Separators, Swales, Sandfilters, Stormceptors, Stormfilters, sumps, lift stations, etc.) by 2010.
10. Assess and report on employment level in PH area, including wage evaluations (for the purpose of increasing the number of family wage jobs in PH area) by 2005.
11. Assess and report on industrial property availability and activity levels (for the purpose of increasing the number of family wage jobs in PH area) by 2005.
12. Increase employment within PH area by 50% by 2010.

13. Create an Environmental Enterprise Zone, focused on attracting Sustainable Environmental Businesses, by

2007.

14. Establish and construct 150 ft buffer zones and provide for Riverside Re-vegetation on at least 50% of

PH Riverfront by 2015.

15. Construct Walkways along 25% of PH Riverfront by 2015.

16. Generate and distribute to local news media monthly PHS Progress, Cost & Benefit Reports by 2004.

17. Construct 3 additional small craft boat launches in PH area by 2010.

18. Organize, sponsor and participate in annual PH Small Craft Regatta event by 2005.

19. Organize and Present 4 "Open House" or "PH Outing"

events annually to the public beginning in 2004.

20. Organize and Deliver 6 Outreach Presentations annually to Environmental, Business, Civic and other groups beginning in 2004.

21. Enroll 12 additional Environmental, Business, Civic, or other groups to actively participate in CAG by 2005.

22. Construct 50 Interpretive Signs at strategic points in the PH area by 2010.

23. Organize, Sponsor and Participate in a PH Community Fish Fry event by 2004.

24. Decrease levels of known toxic discharges to PH from all sources by 75% by 2015.

25. Stage a Benefit Concert in Celebration of Successful PHS Cleanup by 2016.

When the Action Plan is approved by EPA the die is cast. Now's the time to decide what result we want.

Peace,
Steve G.

--- robin plance <(b) (6)> wrote:

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Robin

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